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Version: As Introduced

Primary Sponsors: Reps. Baker and Ray

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The bill requires the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) to establish a remote methadone treatment pilot program and appropriates \$750,000 in FY 2024 and in FY 2025 to fund the program.

Detailed Analysis

The bill requires OhioMHAS to establish a pilot program to provide grant funding for the provision of remote methadone treatment to individuals with opioid use disorder. The treatment must be provided through opioid treatment programs (OTPs) that are licensed by OhioMHAS. OhioMHAS must provide notice to all licensed OTPs of the opportunity to apply. OhioMHAS must select up to ten OTPs to participate in, and receive grant funding, through the pilot program. However, OhioMHAS must use best efforts to ensure selected OTPs represent varied geographic areas across Ohio. Each OTP selected must procure a remote methadone treatment vendor from a list of vendors created by OhioMHAS that meet certain accessibility and security requirements. Lastly, the bill also requires participating treatment providers to provide patient outcome data and OhioMHAS to prepare a report on the data it receives. The bill appropriates \$750,000 in FY 2024 and in FY 2025 to fund the pilot program.